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Appln No. 10/692,705

Amdt date April 13, 2005

Reply to Office action of March 28, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the above-reference application.

Claims 11, 13, 15, 19, 20, 27, and 31 have been amended to further define Applicant's invention.

This is a response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2005 wherein the Examiner issued a species restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. In particular, the Examiner contends that the claims are directed to the following six (6) distinct species:

Group 1, drawn to figures 1-4;

Group 2, drawn to figures 1, 2, and 5;

Group 3, drawn to figures 1, 2, and 6

Group 4, drawn to figures 1, 2, and 7

Group 5, drawn to figures 1, 2, and 8; and

Group 6, drawn to figure 9.

Election:

In response thereto, Applicant selects the **Group 4 species** without traverse. Claims directed to the Group 4 species include claims: 1-27, 30, and 31.

Claims Amendment:

Although the Examiner performed no substantive examination and no claims were rejected over any prior art, Applicant has amended claims 11, 13, 15, 19, 20, 27, and 31 to more clearly define Applicant's invention.

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Should the Examiner finds it necessary to speak with Applicant, he is invited to speak with the undersigned at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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